

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Friday, 23rd October 2020 at 3:15p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors:, Mr A Joynes, Miss J Rao, Mrs M Harries, Mr R Woodyatt, Mrs A Jones and Mr D Cocks

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R. Kedward (Clerk), Cllr V James.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr C Williams and Cllr D Williams

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1672. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 30th July 2020 were confirmed as a true record.

1673. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The Police were not in attendance at the meeting.

1674. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that she had received an update from Anna Lewis WHQS regarding the new slide. She had put it out for re tender as was not happy with the original design and wanted something better to replace the current one which is coming towards the end of its life. WHQS and CCBC have both added extra funding towards the new design.

Both the skate park and gym are still under the procurement process and Anna would let the Clerk know any updates as and when they occur.

Anna had also confirmed that the swing was in fact an ‘all inclusive’ swing. The path was installed to ensure children in wheelchairs etc could access it.

Cllr Harries informed the meeting that the children in Maesycwmmmer Primary School have been designing logos and enquired if there was a possibility that some could be used on the skate park. The clerk agreed to make enquiries with Anna Lewis.

Cllr Cocks enquired about promotion of the new defibrillator and the Clerk informed the meeting that its location would be shared on the website once it was installed. The Clerk explained that the defibrillator would need to be hooked up to mains electric

and that she had obtained agreement from the OAP society for this. The cost for electric would be approximately £8-£10 per annum. It was agreed that the Community Council would pay for this.

Discussion ensued regarding the design for the new bench on the main road. It was agreed to go with the design that is used for benches throughout the Borough.

1675. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that a number of documents had been forwarded to Councillors by email and requested that Councillors contact her if any action was required.

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the weed control department asking for locations for the Autumn / Winter work. It was agreed to request the usual areas.

1676. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk explained that she had been in contact with the Rotary Club who had confirmed that the sleigh would not be going out this year due to the current situation regarding Covid-19.

It was agreed that even though the Lantern Parade would be cancelled, selection boxes would still be provided to the children of the village. The Clerk agreed to speak to Mr Harris about the school distributing them, and something would need to be sorted for those children who attend other schools.

Wording was agreed for the Clerk to announce the cancellation of the Lantern Parade on the website and notice board.

The Clerk enquired about an earlier switch on date for the village Christmas Lights this year. It was agreed that they could be switched on from December 1st.

It was agreed that the Annual Remembrance Service would be cancelled due to Covid-19 and the fact that it would be difficult to control numbers and maintain the required social distancing. The Clerk agreed to inform Pastor George and put notices up on the website and notice board.

The Clerk explained that she had purchased replacement flags and extra lamp post poppies for the village and would be putting them up in the coming week.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr Harris had enquired of the possibility of the Council helping with payment for wet weather clothing for KS2 pupils in Maesycwmmmer Primary School. He had requested 50/50 funding on approximately £1500. This was considered and it was agreed that as there had been no play scheme this year, the Council would fund the whole amount.

Cllr Rao reported that she had attended some virtual meetings such as One Voice Wales NEC meeting and the Town and Community Council Liaison meeting which

had all gone well and that Cllr Rao was voted Vice Chair of the One Voice Wales area committee.

Cllr Rao informed the meeting that the annual fee for the TCCL was to be deferred for this year and there were a number of items being taken to the Joint Liaison meeting on the 18th November including street lighting, charge for winter maintenance and the impact of Covid-19 on the budget.

Cllr Rao commented that it was good to have made a difference to the vulnerable children of the village during a difficult year with the Covid-19 help the council had provided. She expressed hope that things would soon return to normal.

1677. **FINANCE**

The Clerk produced a report with all payments made since July's meeting. This was considered and payments approved and signed on the monthly payment schedule.

The Clerk produced an up to date budget report, which was considered and approved.

The Clerk informed the Council that the second Precept amount of £9150.00 had been received into the bank account.

The current balance was £30,811.56 plus CIL funds of £71,075.98.

Cllr Harries requested that the decision to contribute to the Caretakers' wages for the Community Centre be reconsidered (due to the centre not being open). It was agreed that a donation of £250 would be given to cover this year.

1678. **PLANNING**

None.

1679. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr Woodyatt expressed that he was glad the Council was able to meet and gave thanks to the Chair and the Clerk for continuing the work of the Council in the trying times.

Cllr Cocks suggested that the Council should promote more of what they do for the community. The possibility of a newsletter was discussed. The Clerk said that now the new website was up and running, this could certainly be used for this purpose.

Cllr James enquired about the website and the clerk informed him he could have his own page for updating the community. Cllr James agreed to liaise with Clerk on this.